

### Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors

# August 12, 2019 TBPE and TBPLS Joint eNewsletter

On June 16, 2019, Governor Greg Abbott signed a historic piece of legislation that will merge the regulation of the practices of engineering and land surveying into one board. Effective September 1, 2019, HB1523 creates the Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors. Work on the merger of the engineering and surveying boards is well underway.

#### **Technical Experts Needed**

We are looking for qualified technical experts to assist the Board in making effective determinations on engineering and surveying enforcement cases.

We are currently accepting resumes of Texas Licensed Professional Engineers (PE), Texas Registered Professional Land Surveyors (RPLS), and Licensed State Land Surveyors (LSLS) who are experts in their field.

Refer to the TBPE/TBPELS website for information and instructions to submit your resume.

https://engineers.texas.gov/technical\_experts.htm



### Position Open for Full-Time Special Projects Coordinator/Land Surveyor III

Refer to the TBPE/TBPELS website for the job description and instructions to apply.

https://engineers.texas.gov/employment.htm

## Webinars Held to Discuss the New Agency

On August 1st, 2019, staff from both agencies presented updates on the merger process to over 300 attendees.



Questions on the merger and how these changes will impact license and registration holders were addressed as well as the introduction of a <u>Frequently Asked Questions</u> <u>Page</u> linked on both agency websites.

Future webinars regarding Land Surveying will be posted and announced to members of this community.

http://engineers.texas.gov/webinars.html

#### **Questions Regarding the New Agency?**

We want you to know that we are doing everything possible to make this transition as smooth as possible. We have developed a landing page with links to all items related to the merger of the two agencies.



Linked documents include an FAQ page, legislation and all documents listed on this eNewsletter including a pdf version of the eNewsletter sent on July 23, 2019, and a sign-up page in case you want to be notified of specific issues or know someone who would like to receive these updates.

This page will be updated as the merge progresses.

https://engineers.texas.gov/tbpels.html

#### We're moving!

TBPLS will be moving to the new location at TBPELS the first week of September. September 2nd we will be closed for Labor Day. On September 3rd, we'll start the moving process. We will do our best to get back online as quickly as possible, but correspondence via mail, email, or telephone may be slow during the transition. The goal is to be fully operational again Monday, September 9, 2019.

#### **Before September 1, 2019 Contact Information**

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#### After September 1, 2019 TBPELS Contact Information

Starting September 1, 2019, all mail should be sent to the new TBPELS address. If you are sending something and you anticipate it arriving on or around September 1st, please use this address.

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